



mirrors and at the same time, to define the mirror 5 as the first mirror when discussing the total number of mirrors.


Furthermore, Applicant respectfully contends that a person skilled in the art would not improve the invention of Braat according to the disclosure of Foo. Braat is relating to a projection system for EUV-radiation. However, the lenses of the second optical group according to Foo are not transparent for EUV-radiation. As a consequence, the lens arrangement disclosed by Foo is not suitable to correct aberrations of the EUV-radiation which are generated by the mirrors of the system disclosed by Braat.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 13 of the present application is based on an inventive step. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 13 are respectfully requested.

Applicant has added new claim 31 which includes the subject matter of pending claim 13 and includes the limitation that all of the mirrors are coaxial. Claim 31 should be allowed for the same reasons why claim 13 should be allowed as discussed above and further for the limitation that all mirrors are coaxial. Since the features of claim 31 are neither disclosed nor suggested by Braat, new claim 31 should be allowed.

Applicant has added new claim 32 which includes the subject matter of pending claim 13 and includes the limitation that at least one lens is arranged in the optical path between the first mirror and the last mirror. Claim 32 should be allowed for the same reasons why claim 13 should be allowed as discussed above and further for the limitation that all mirrors are coaxial. Since the features of claim 32 are neither disclosed nor suggested by Braat, new claim 32 should be allowed.

Claims 1-12, 14 and 16-30 stand allowed.

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In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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